

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

U.S. Patent No. 4,846,606 4,856,606 discloses an electric power assist rear wheel steering system including a rack and pinion gearset.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 3 13 is a sectional view of the steering system of Figs. 10-12, taken along line 13-13 of Fig 11.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The axle 20 has first and second end portions 32 and 34 ~~shown schematically at~~. The first end portion 32 of the axle 20, or left end portion, supports the left rear wheel 12 of the vehicle 16. The vehicle includes one or more control arms or other suspension portions 36 that connect the wheel 12 with the end portion 32 of the axle 20.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The steering system 10 includes an actuator or steering member 66. The steering member 66 is located in the chamber 30 in the axle 20. The steering member 66 has an elongate, rod-like

configuration. The steering member 60 66 is not as long as the axle 20. The steering member 66 is supported in the intermediate portion 50 of the axle 20 for axial movement relative to the axle.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The second spring 132 is a cylindrical compression spring made of wire having a circular cross-sectional configuration. The second spring 132 engages and extends between the end surface ~~408~~ 106 of the piston 100 and the first spring support 54 on the axle 20. The second spring 132 acts between the piston 100 and the axle 20 to bias the piston in a direction to the left as viewed in Fig. 2.